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Speed Mosby has been reappointed
pardon clerk for a period of two
years.

The legislature is considering a bill
to increase the homestead exemption
from \$1,500 to \$3,000.

According to reports of the Bureau
of Commerce and Labor this country
last year took third rank as an export
nation.

More than half of the world's
records in athletics are held by
Americans. England comes second
in this particular.

Postmaster General Cortelyou has
resigned the chairmanship of the
Republican National Committee. It
would have been less embarrassing to
the rank and file of the republican
party if he had been fired two years
ago.

A bill has been introduced in the
Missouri legislature to compel rail-
road companies operating lines of
railroad in the state of Missouri to
take out articles of incorporation in
this state so that they may be sued
in the state courts.

The Myers and Hottel cases are
serving to make a joke of criminal
law. When a man cannot be hanged
on confession within five years the
legislature might as well consider the
advisability of pensioning the more
outrageous class of criminals.

The Kansas City Journal says that
the Standard Oil crowd "slipped up
on the Santa Fe railroad" and elected
two Union Pacific directors on its
board. It is rather more likely that
the Santa Fe railroad slipped up on
the public in this performance.

It is now rumored that Secretary
Taft will be appointed to the Supreme
bench to succeed Chief Justice Fuller.
This would prove a relief to
thousands of interested republicans
who are not greatly pleased with
many of Taft's independent
policies.

A bill has been introduced in the
Missouri legislature creating a com-
mission of three lawyers to be
appointed by the governor to revise
the statutes of the state. The three
commissioners are to receive \$5,000
per annum for their services and are
to have secretaries and clerks at \$200
and \$175 per month.

Representative F. Stapel of
Union county this week introduced
a bill in the legislature a resolution
to remove the bears from the state seal
and to insert mules in their place.
The first public act of this new
member ought to reconcile the
general public to his defeat for the
speakership of the house.

The New York Insurance Record
publishes an interesting statistical
article showing that the only
insurance companies which have
made serious loss in the matter of
new business are the ones directly
connected with the scandals of a year
or two ago. The other companies
have on an average held their own.

Senator Gilmore, assisted by
Attorney General Hadley, has drafted
an anti-trust law which is to be
severe in its provisions than any of
the state anti-trust laws now on the
statute books of the various states
that have been attacking this evil.
The criminal clause of the proposed
law is aimed at officers and agents
and provides for imprisonment.

Kansas City is striving to secure
the proposal of an amendment to the
constitution to organize the city as a
county, as has been done in the case
of St. Louis. Rural Jackson county
is opposed to the suggestion. The
country people of that county want
40 per cent of the saloon license tax
for their county roads and the city
does not want them to have it.

Senator Cooper of Kansas City has
embodied Mr. Folk's ideas on the
subject of removing prosecuting
attorneys, sheriffs, police commis-
sioners and mayors for failure to
enforce a state law, in the bill which
authorizes the attorney general at the
suggestion of the governor to
institute quo warranto proceedings in
the supreme court against such
officials.

In the appointment of committees
of the State Senate, Senator Brown of

this district was arranged to the
following: Appropriations; agri-
culture; roads and highways; mines
and mining; accounts and mis-
cellaneous laws; fees, salaries and
criminal courts. Representative
Christie was assigned to the follow-
ing: Railroads and internal improve-
ments; elections; mine and mining.
Mr. Christie is chairman of the
committee on railroads and internal
improvements.

The Committee on Indian Affairs has
decided to recommend the abandon-
ment of the Carlisle Indian school. In
the opinion of the Committee the
schools does much less good than the
schools on the reservation or near them.
It is not intended, at least not at
present, to abandon Haskell Institute
for this school is much nearer the
homes of the Indians and is thought
to do better work. The Government
has been appropriating about \$175,000
per annum to the support of Carlisle.

Representative Cook of Ray
county has introduced a new text
book commission bill. It provides
for a commission of five, one of whom
is to be the superintendent of public
instruction, to make out three
complete lists of authorized text
books from which each county may
make selection. From this it will be
seen that Mr. Cook would have the
special influences which the great
book companies are accustomed to
employ scattered to the counties
instead of concentrated at Jefferson
City.

Senator R. H. Brown of this
district has introduced a bill in the
Missouri legislature providing for the
submission of a constitutional
amendment carrying an increase of
pay to members of the legislature.
Mr. Brown would remove the seventy
day limit to the sessions of the
legislature and would pay the
legislators \$1000 per annum. The
larger salary, he believes would
secure the services of able men.
The proposition as it stands is not
without merit. If the bill provided
for the restriction of representation,
it would be altogether admirable.

Attorney General Hadley has
brought suit to dissolve the alleged
merger of the Wabash Missouri
Pacific and Iron Mountain railroads
and to revoke the licenses and
charters of the Pacific Express
company, the American Refrigerator
Transit company, The Western Coal
and Mining Company, and the Kansas
Missouri elevator company. The
petition alleges that the stocks of these
companies are owned by the same
interests in violation of the statutes
and the constitution of Missouri.
The writs, issued by Judge Gantt,
were made returnable January 23.

Sinclair Farris of Stoddard county
has introduced a bill in the legisla-
ture designed to make 7 per cent the
maximum contract rate of interest in
this state. Nearly every session a
bill of this kind is introduced and by
men who would not think of fixing
the maximum price of wheat or
mules. Interest rates are not quite
as flexible as the prices of these
articles, but they are subject to the
law of supply and demand and need
no regulation by law. Interest laws
promote back room banking, deceit,
tax dodging and a score of evils worse
than the fancied one designed to be
cured.

The interest which Representative
Speer of Osage county, takes in the
maximum freight rate bill proposed
two years ago in the legislature of
Missouri shows that no mistake was
made in the first place in putting
this excellent representative in charge
of the bill. Mr. Speer felt at the
time that the senate amendment of
the stock schedule endangered the
law before the courts and probably
was intended to do so. The
elimination of class J was evidently
aimed at the father of the bill, and
Mr. Speer is aiming at this session
to carry the old bill through with
hardly a change in its provisions. It
is hoped that he may be successful.
This is a far more important matter
to the public than the enactment of a
two cent passenger fare. And
perhaps even the Kansas City Com-
mercial club will not interpose its
objections this time.

The collateral inheritance tax is
being attacked from many quarters in
the legislature. Under the provi-
sions of the law as it stands the
proceeds of this tax, which has been
amounting to more than half a million
dollars per year, go to the state
university. Some of the legislators
want the proceeds of this tax to go
into the general revenue fund of the

state, some into the school fund and
some want to abolish it altogether.
It is pointed out that practically
all of this money comes from St.
Louis and Kansas City; and if the
tax were to be paid into the school
fund St. Louis and Kansas City ought
to get the greater part of it. It is
further pointed out that the deomi-
national schools of the state are
contributing largely to public educa-
tion, and that it ought to be possible
for the testator to name some deomi-
national school which should receive
the proceeds of the tax in his or her
case. There seems to be little doubt
that this law will be modified by the
present legislature.

If Mr. Herbert Hadley is in earnest
in his prosecution of the Missouri
Pacific suits instituted this week he
has opened up a field of new issues
which must become political in the
next campaign. The danger to the
public in the operation of subsidiary
corporations by the officers of a
railroad company has often been
pointed out. This ground has been
threshed over thoroughly. But moral
quality of this sort of thing viewed
in another respect has not been
sufficiently pointed out. If the
directors of a local bank were to
accept their own money on time
deposit at 25 per cent, the other
stockholders would at once see that
they were being robbed, and the
directors would have cause to fear a
rope and a lamp post. But some of
the favored ones of a railroad
corporation may organize an express
company with contracts such as to
enable it to make from 25 to 40 per
cent a year and the offense to the
smaller stockholders of the railroad
company goes by no worse name than
the "shearing of the lambs." Very
much the same thing may be said of
the operation of the coal mines, grain
elevators, and other such enterprises
in which the railroad managers
engage through subsidiary organiza-
tions. The injustice is not altogether
new even primarily to the independent
operators in the same industries, but
to the minority stockholders of the
main corporation, who are robbed
of their chief gains through the
subsidiary corporations. It is in
favor to their own subsidiary
corporations that the managers of
railroads make rebates, private rates,
and special favors count—for them.

The proceedings which Attorney-
General Hadley has instituted against
the Missouri Pacific Railroad Com-
pany designed to test its alleged
violation of the law in operating coal
mines and being engaged in express
business and elevator business is
important. If Mr. Hadley is in
earnest, this prosecution bids fair to
be the beginning of a movement of
much import to this country. Nearly
all of the larger railroad companies
have organized express companies.
The Rock Island is said to have done
so within the past month. The
public impression prevails that these
independent organizations are formed
by the railroad managers for the pur-
pose of absorbing a part of the profits
of the railroads and of converting it
to the benefit of a smaller circle.
Some of the express companies are
said to declare dividends of from 25
per cent to 40 per cent. Railroad
conduct of the elevator business in
the Northwest has long been a source
of scandal, and railroad activity in
the coal mining industry would have
excited more general opposition long
ago if it were not for the fact that
conditions are different in different
parts of the country. In the East
the rule is that the mines own the
railroads. In the middle states and
the West most of the railroads are
engaged in the business of coal

mining. The seriousness of this
condition consists in the fact that the
railroads can, if business policy so
dictates, forego profit from hauling
their own coal in order to put inde-
pendent mines out of business. There
can be little doubt that unless the
railroads are required to keep out of
the mining business altogether or to
engage in it only to supply their own
needs, the advantage which they
possess over the independent producer
must soon lead to railroad monopoly
of the industry.

An iron founder of Pennsylvania,
having risen from penury to opulence
sent his son to Harvard university.
The boy was bright, diligent and grad-
uated with honors. Three weeks after
the boy's return to his home in But-
sburg the iron founder sought his pastor.
"I'm greatly worried about William
John since his return from Harvard,"
began the father. "Ah, I warned you
against Harvard. He has become a
drunkard?" interrupted the good
man. "No, no; I asked him to take
a drink with me several times and he
wouldn't." "He has become entangled
with some creature of the chorus?"
"No; he knows no such women." "Ah,
it is worse, he gambles?" "No, no,
he don't know one card from another."
"I see—I see—it is far, far,
worse. Harvard is a University
university. He has come back a hea-
then?" The unhappy father groaned.
"Worse than all that. My God, die-
tor, he believes in tariff reform!"
—Starbeams

Closing Out.
Having decided to make a change in
business, we will close out our whole
stock of groceries at cost for cash.
The line of groceries is a full one.
The fixtures will also be sold
—show-cases, safe, ice box, large coffee
mill and scales.
Those who are indebted to us are
invited to come in and make settle-
ment.

EGGLESTON & EWING.
Derivation of Words.
"Autoneer" will be correct when
"lawneer" takes the place of lawyer
and "teachneer" of teacher. The prop-
er ending for such words is "er," often
changed for euphony to "yer" or "ler."
Much confusion is due to misunder-
standing the derivation of "engineer."
An engineer is an "engine'er," not an
"engine-neer."

Cause for Corroding.
It has been noted that wire nails
and wire fences corrode more quickly
than iron in other forms, under like
exposure. The theory is advanced,
by way of explanation, that the cold
working processes leave unusually
large intermolecular spaces in the
metal.

Carves Artificial Teeth.
Miss Madeline A. Bartlett, of Bos-
ton, whose works of sculpture have
been highly praised, finds a profitable
occupation in carving artificial teeth.
Dentists send her the casts and de-
scription, with a sample of the color,
and she does the work. Considerable
skill is required in matching natural
teeth.

Clocks of Early Times.
The earliest seventeenth century
clocks had the names of the makers
put on in Latin and set straight across
the bottom of the dial. The next
period showed the maker's name
placed across the lower part of the
dial face between the figures V and
VII.

And Then Some.
It is said that the immortal Hans
beginning, "Mother may I go out to
swim?" are 1,300 years old. Multi-
plying 1,300 by 1,300 will show the
number of times they have been
parodied.

Took Much Nourishment.
During a recent all-night session
the British house of commons dis-
posed of 1,000 cups of coffee, 500 cups
of tea, 370 whisky and sodas and 420
bottles of beer, 700 eggs and a few
other things.

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